

12 FAM 380 ARMORED VEHICLE PROGRAM

12 FAM 381 SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

12 FAM 381.1 Policy

(TL:DS-13; 7-29-91)

It is the policy of the Department of State to protect chiefs of mission, principal officers, and others as specified from the threat of terrorism, war, and civil disturbance. This protection includes the use of armored vehicles upon the approval of DS and the Armored Vehicle Working Group (AVWG), a subcommittee of the Overseas Security Policy Group (OSPG).

12 FAM 381.2 Authority

(TL:DS-39; 8-15-94)

The Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (Pub.L. 99-399) as codified at 22 U.S.C. 4804.

12 FAM 382 ARMORED VEHICLE STANDARDS

(TL:DS-39; 8-15-94)

For armored vehicles, standards have been developed for the category of terrorism, war, and civil disturbance. Determination of general threat categories for each post location are based on the Department's Composite Threat List, which is issued semiannually by the Office of Intelligence and Threat Assessment (DS/DSS/ITA). (See Security Standards Handbook.)

12 FAM 383 IMPLEMENTATION

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DS is responsible for implementing the armored vehicle program and standards. Direct all questions pertaining to this program to the Office of Physical Security Programs, Defensive Equipment and Vehicles Branch (DS/PSP/PEL/DEV). Posts should telegraph all armored vehicle assignment recommendations, justifications, and concerns to DS/PSP/PEL/DEV. If pertinent, provide information copies to the affected foreign affairs agencies.

12 FAM 384 ASSIGNMENT

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The vehicle make, type, and model assigned to any post must be consistent with the vehicle assignment policy of the federal agency using the vehicle. The post emergency action committee (EAC) makes recommendations about the assignment of armored vehicles to post personnel, other than the chief of mission or principal officer. The post EAC must forward disputes which arise from the assignment of FAVs and LAVs, and which cannot be resolved in consultation with the chief of mission, to the Director of the Diplomatic Security Service (DS/DSS). The Director will refer the matter for resolution to the chair of the AVWG. The AVWG will review post recommendations and coordinate its response with the concerned agencies.

12 FAM 385 Procurement and Leasing

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DS purchases or leases FAVs for Department of State personnel. DS also supplies armor material for Department of State LAVs and funds the installation. Other agencies are responsible for funding armored vehicles assigned to their personnel.

12 FAM 386 MAINTENANCE

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All FAVs and LAVs must undergo top quality preventive and mechanical maintenance on a regular basis by post-designated local mechanics. FAVs, especially, require regular maintenance to overcome the stress of the heavy armor on the vehicle's drive train, suspension, and braking systems. Maintenance of armored components for all agencies' vehicles must be performed by a mechanic approved by the Regional Security Officer (RSO) or DS/PEL/DEV.

12 FAM 387 ARMOR MATERIALS

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DS repairs and replaces armor materials on vehicles furnished by the Department of State, and those of other agencies, if they choose. No armoring shall be removed from an official vehicle without the authorization of the RSO or, in the case of a vehicle owned by another agency, by the headquarters of the agency concerned. No armored vehicle shall be altered to reduce the effectiveness of either the armor materials or the performance of the vehicle. All

defective armor materials must be replaced with DS approved materials by authorized personnel.

12 FAM 388 DISPOSAL

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a. Coordinate disposal of armored vehicles with the RSO and the responsible headquarters office of the agency involved. Posts will recommend disposal of armored vehicles based upon local conditions and restrictions.

b. Remove salvageable radios and security equipment before disposal. Remove polycarbonate inserts from LAVs, if possible.

c. For security reasons, when FAVs are no longer usable, they must be destroyed. Methods may include burning, burying, or crushing.

12 FAM 389 UNASSIGNED

